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In re Application of: Kannan, et al.
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Reply to Restriction

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued June 6, 2006, requiring restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner is requiring restriction to one of the inventions:

1. Claim 1, drawn to a compound, classified in class 560, subclass 19.
2. Claims 2-8, drawn to a method of making a compound, classified in class 560, subclass 19.
3. Claims 9-45, drawn to polymers, classified in class 528, subclass 288.

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Applicants hereby provisionally elect, albeit with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group III, namely claims 9-45, for examination on the merits. Please cancel claims 1 and 2-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

From the foregoing, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent and Trademark Office now undertake to examine the present application the second time.

Respectfully submitted:



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